

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1182

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to acknowledge the heroism displayed by the late Bobby Qualls during recent flooding in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is the sad, but important, duty of this General Assembly to honor the memory of those courageous Tennesseans who made the ultimate sacrifice while attempting to save the lives of fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, as floodwaters encompassed Tennessee on May 1-2, 2010, Bobby Qualls of Linden lost his life while trying to save his daughter, Kylie, from high water caused by a rushing creek in the family's backyard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Qualls had earlier managed to rescue his son, but by the time he tried to reach Kylie, floodwaters had risen substantially, and both father and daughter were lost; and

WHEREAS, our hearts and prayers go out to Sherry Qualls, who lost both her husband and daughter to the flood; we sincerely hope that Mr. Qualls's heroism and unselfishness in his final moments will provide Mrs. Qualls with some comfort in the days to come; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Qualls sacrificed his life while attempting to save his children's lives; this heroic act finds every parent in complete agreement with his efforts, but heartbroken at the outcome of this tragic incident; and

WHEREAS, although we hope Mrs. Qualls finds peace and acceptance in dealing with this tragedy, we also know that she will remember forever the selflessness and courage Mr. Qualls displayed in the face of disaster; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby acknowledge the heroism displayed by the late Bobby Qualls in attempting to save the lives of his children during recent flooding in Tennessee, a heroic act that cost him his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor Mr. Qualls's memory and express our condolences and extend our sympathy to Mrs. Sherry Qualls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.